

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DISPOSITION OF ANTI-DOPING MATTER UNDER RULE 14.3.2 - NZUBECHI GRACE NWOKOCHA (NGR)

1. On 3 August 2022, Ms Nzubechi Grace Nwokocha¹ (“the **Athlete**”) provided a Sample In-Competition during Doping Control conducted by the Commonwealth Games Federation (“**CGF**”) in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules for the 2022 Commonwealth Games (the “**CGF ADR**”), which resulted in an Adverse Analytical Finding for Ostarine and Dihydroxy-LGD-4033 (a Metabolite of Ligandrol) which are Non-Specified substances, prohibited at all times.
2. On 21 August 2022, the CGF notified the Athlete of the Adverse Analytical Finding in accordance with Article 7.2.1 of the CGF ADR and imposed a Provisional Suspension upon the Athlete (effective immediately) in accordance with Article 7.5.1 of the CGF ADR.
3. On 2 September 2022, the AIU issued the Athlete with a Notice of Provisional Suspension and Public Disclosure based on the Adverse Analytical Finding and informed the Athlete, *inter alia*, that the Adverse Analytical Finding was being brought forward as an apparent Anti-Doping Rule Violation (“**ADRV**”) under Article 2.1 and/or Article 2.2 of the CGF ADR by the CGF, which was responsible (in accordance with Article 7.1.1 of the CGF ADR) for determining, on behalf of the CGF (i) whether an ADRV had been committed and (ii) the applicable Consequences related to the Commonwealth Games.
4. The AIU also informed the Athlete that, following the determination of the above, the CGF would refer the determination of any (further) Consequences for any ADRV beyond the Commonwealth Games to the AIU on behalf of World Athletics (if applicable).
5. On 16 November 2022, the CGF issued the Athlete with a Notice of Charge charging the Athlete with ADRVs under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2 of the CGF ADR.
6. On 10 March 2023, a hearing took place in the Athlete’s case before the CGF Court.
7. On 18 May 2023, the CGF provided World Athletics with a copy of the Decision of the CGF Court dated 17 May 2023 in relation to the ADRVs and the imposition of Consequences under the CGF ADR (the “**CGF Decision**”), which ruled, *inter alia*, that:
 - 7.1. the Athlete had committed ADRVs pursuant to Article 2.1 and Article 2.2 of the CGF ADR;
 - 7.2. the Athlete had not demonstrated the source of the Ostarine or the Metabolite of Ligandrol found in the Sample;
 - 7.3. the Athlete had failed to demonstrate No Fault or Negligence in respect of the ADRVs;

¹ <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/nigeria/nzubechi-grace-nwokocha-14886275>

- 7.4. the Athlete's results in the 100m on 3 August 2022 and in the 200m on 4 August 2022 were disqualified, together with the forfeiture of any medals, diplomas, titles, points and prizes, in accordance with Article 9.1 and 10.1 of the CGF ADR respectively; and
 - 7.5. the results of the Nigeria relay team in the 4*100m relay were disqualified, together with the forfeiture of any medals, diplomas, titles, points and prizes, in accordance with Article 11.2.1 of the CGF ADR and Rule 11.1 of the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules in force from 1 January 2021.
8. Following expiry of the deadlines to appeal against the CGF Decision, on 19 July 2023, the AIU wrote to the Athlete noting that the CGF Decision confirmed that she had committed ADRVs pursuant to Rule 2.1 and Rule 2.2 of the CGF ADR (and the World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules ("**ADR**")) and that this decision was final and binding upon her.
9. The AIU also informed the Athlete of the Consequences beyond the Commonwealth Games that the AIU would seek under the ADR for the ADRVs that the Athlete had been found to have committed.
10. On 24 July 2023, the Athlete promptly requested to enter into a case resolution agreement with the AIU (on a without prejudice basis).
11. The AIU, the Athlete and the World Anti-Doping Agency ("the **Parties**") subsequently entered into a Case Resolution Agreement in accordance with Rule 10.8.2 ADR pursuant to which:
 - 11.1. the Athlete acknowledges that she has been found to have committed ADRVs under Rule 2.1 and Rule 2.2 of the CGF ADR (and the ADR) by virtue of the CGF Decision, which is final and binding upon her;
 - 11.2. the Athlete agrees to be sanctioned with a period of Ineligibility of three (3) years;
 - 11.3. the Parties agree that, taking into consideration the criteria in Rule 10.8.2 of the ADR, the period of Ineligibility shall commence on the date of Sample collection, i.e., 3 August 2022. Therefore, the period of Ineligibility shall be in effect until, and including, **2 August 2025**; and
 - 11.4. in accordance with Rule 10.10 of the ADR (and to the extent that any results are not already disqualified by operation of the CGF Decision), the Athlete's competitive results from 3 August 2022 until the date of the Provisional Suspension imposed by the AIU viz. 2 September 2022 are Disqualified with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prize money/prizes.
12. The disposition of the Athlete's case is now final under the ADR and is published in accordance with Rule 14.3.2 ADR.

Monaco, 27 October 2023